

President's Column

It's my pleasure to serve as president of ACA this year. I'm a product of the Alabama College System. I entered Lurleen B. Wallace State



Junior College in 1973 and the Alabama College System has been an integral part of my life and my family's life since that time.

As we enter the 21st Century, I can't think of a better opportunity to assess the progress of the educational community in Alabama. The Alabama College System is one of the best kept secrets in the state. We have made great strides in recent years to educate the public about the merits of attending one of Alabama's two-year schools, and they have responded by attending in great numbers. Now is the time to get businesses and industry to see how valuable we are to them.

The theme of the 2001 Conference is **"2001—An Educational Odyssey—A Journey of Dedication, Innovation and Transformation."**

This is exactly how we can bring the public and businesses into our camp. There have been numerous calls by the public for accountability. We will prove our accountability by providing future employees who meet industry standards and who are ready to meet the technological challenges of today's workplace.

We must be innovative in the ways in which we present material. Some of our students are more technologically oriented than most of us have ever thought about being, others have a fear of technology so great that they must be given the confidence to learn, and still others need only the opportunity to learn. It

is imperative that we be innovative in presenting life skills and knowledge to all of our students. This may require more of us to abandon the traditional way we viewed teaching, the lecture, and move into the direction of electronically enhanced presentations. Students expect this.

The two-year schools are the best place in which to see transformation happen. We can respond to community needs faster than senior universities. This helps set us apart and make us a viable training ground for future employees and future educators. We are not the same as we were in the last decade and we will not be the same in the next decade—we transform to become better.

I would also like to take this time to encourage you to participate in the ACA workshops this year. The 2001 ACA Conference will have two tracks. We will continue the highly successful Teaching and Learning Symposium and will begin a Student Retention track. The schedule will be such that you can participate in workshops from both tracks. If you are interested in presenting a workshop in either track, start planning now! We need your involvement. We are planning a one-day, drive-in workshop in the fall to kick off the Student Retention track.

Another area of focus of ACA this year is to provide technology enrichment skill workshops across the system within driving distance of each college. Please give us your ideas by completing and returning the form on the back of the insert in this publication.

The purpose of this publication is to inform you of who your ACA Executive Committee members are and how to contact us, give you a

time-line for journal submissions and publication, make you aware of this year's professional development plans, and to request your ideas and help.

I look forward to what can only be described as a fantastic year.

ACA Journal

Tentative Timeline

The Public Relations Officers at your schools will be hearing from the ACA Publications Officer as to the methods for sending information for publication. The following is the tentative timeline as suggested by the ACA Executive Committee. You'll be hearing from us soon.

SEPTEMBER

- 7—Articles for first Journal. Focuses on Professional Development.
- 20—Mail first Journal.
- 29—Submission of name for Master of Ceremonies—see page 3 for details.

OCTOBER

- 31—Materials for Conference opening presentations due. Specific details and requests will be forwarded later.

NOVEMBER

- 15—Commission speakers confirmed

DECEMBER

- 15—T & L Symposium deadline for proposals.

JANUARY

- 5—Deadline for Journal articles. Focuses on the upcoming Conference. Conference related items should be sent NOW.

- 20—Mail second Journal.

FEBRUARY

- 1—Deadline for Journal articles. Focuses on Professional Development.
- 2—Mail third Journal.

MARCH

- 1—Conference materials due **March 1**.
- 21-24 ACA Conference, Mobile.
- 21—Final Journal in registration packets.

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GIVE US YOUR IDEAS

The members of the ACA Executive Committee plan to offer One Day Intensive Workshops during the 2000-2001 academic year. The idea is to design and conduct meaningful workshops within a reasonable driving distance from your location. We want these to be sessions that will help you perform your job better, serve students better, or help you learn something new. However, we need to know what would benefit you the most. We're sure you know talented people at your institution who have wonderful ideas on ways to help you work more efficiently, improve your office computer skills, or ideas that will enhance student retention. If someone you know would make a good presenter, please submit that person's name and a means of contact. Location and dates of the various sessions will be announced soon. We look forward to hearing from you, *and* seeing you at the sessions.

Please check the topics below that you are most interested in, or make your own suggestions. (Also, please thank your college president for completing the survey sent to your college this summer asking for workshop suggestions.)

- ☐ Conflict Resolution ☐ Customer Service ☐ Marketing: Everyone's Job
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